

Excuses, Excuses

"Moving Forward... The Exodus" Part 2 of 5
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"I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." (Exodus 3:10, NIV)

Four Common Excuses And How To Excuse Them (Exodus 3:10-4:31)

1) WHO AM I? I'm just a NOBODY!

"But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?" (Exodus 3:11, NIV)

***Solution: Partner with a " SOMEBODY."**

"And He [God] said, "Certainly I will be with you..." (Exodus 3:12, NIV)

***God plus anyone MAKES A MAJORITY.**

2) WHAT DO I SAY? I don't know HOW!

"But Moses protested, 'If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' they won't believe me. They will ask, 'Which God are you talking about? What is his name?' Then what should I tell them?" (Exodus 3:13, NLT)

***Solution: Learn from God AS YOU GO.**

"And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, "I AM has sent me to you." (Exodus 3:14, NIV)

***Wherever God GUIDES, He also PROVIDES.**

3) WHAT IF THEY DON'T BELIEVE ME? I may FAIL!

"Then Moses answered and said, "What if they will not believe me, or listen to what I say? For they may say to me, 'The Lord has not appeared to you.'" (Exodus 4:1, NIV)

***Solution: Make your SUCCESS God's SUCCESS.**

"And it shall come about that if they will not believe you or heed the witness of the first sign, they may believe the witness of the last sign." (Exodus 4:8, NIV)

***God always uses OUR SHORTCOMINGS.**

4) WHAT ABOUT MY ABILITIES? I can't DO IT!

"But Moses pleaded with the Lord, "O Lord, I'm just not a good speaker. I never have been, and I'm not now, even after you have spoken to me. I'm clumsy with words." (Exodus 4:10, NLT)

***Solution: Give every DOUBT to the sovereign God.**

"And the Lord said to him, 'Who has made God's mouth? Or who makes him dumb or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now then go, and I, even I, will be with your mouth, and teach you what you are to say." (Exodus 4:11-12, NIV)

***To set a truly great goal, ask yourself:**

"What is the GREATEST thing I would attempt for God if I was guaranteed that I couldn't FAIL?"